CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

SIXTY-FOURTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD ON TUESDAY, 12 MAY 1987, AT 7:30 P.M.
IN ROOM H-762, HALL BUILDING, SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS CAMPUS

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING:

BD-64-D1: Hiring and Appointments Committee Report
BD-64-D2: CUSA Budget 87-88 (Provisional)

2.1 Roll Call:

PRESENT:

Co-Presidents:

Maxine Clarke
Robert Douglas

Engineering:

Martin Corej
Louis Hotte (9:50)
Stefan Potocki
Joe Serruya (7:50)

Fine Arts:

Jaime Yip

Arts and Science:

Marijan Benc
Paul Gott
Jeffrey Gordon
Andrew Jolicoeur
Alex MacPherson
Andrew Madsen
Shawn O'Hara
Niki Rossman
Morty Shapiro
Emma Tibaldo (7:45)
Nick Woollard

ABSENT:

Arts and Science: Thomas Burnside, Glen Cheverie (W/R)
Commerce: Lianne Bastien, Mimi Bengio, Andrew Boosamra, Cherine Hamam (W/R), Evangelos Mylonakis
Fine Arts: Andreas Seibert

2.2 Call to Order:

Acting Chairperson Paul Gott called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

1 Ratification of Chairperson:

MOTION 390:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the appointment of Diane Dyson as Chairperson for 1987-88.

Moved by: Alex MacPherson
Seconded by: Robert Douglas

Discussion:

Diane Dyson introduced herself to the Board and spoke briefly about her experience on student council at CEGEP, on newspapers, as President of CUP (Canadian University Press) and her attendance at five CUP annual general meetings. Andrew Jolicoeur asked how many people applied for this position, and Robert Douglas responded that there was one other candidate but he had withdrawn his application. Andrew Jolicoeur asked what the honorarium would be for this position. Robert Douglas responded that nothing had been settled yet, and Paul Gott stated that it would be up to the Finance Committee to set the amount and added that it was always "low". Shawn O'Hara asked what courses Diane Dyson was enrolled in, and she responded that she was studying Political Science.

VOTE ON MOTION 390: UNANIMOUS

3 Approval of Agenda:

Shawn O'Hara requested that a motion thanking the transport department of the University for the extra shuttle bus service during the transit strike be added as Item 7.7. Robert Douglas requested that "Appointments to Finance Committee" be added as Item 7.8, and Scott White added that, pending his appointment as Finance V.P. during Item 7.1, he would like to present a report in conjunction with the appointments to the Finance Committee. Jaime Yip requested that Item 7.3 be moved to 7.1, and 7.1 and 7.2 be dropped down accordingly.

MOVE to approve the Agenda as amended.

Moved by: Jaime Yip
Seconded by: Jeff Gordon

There were no objections to this motion.

4 Chairperson's Remarks:

Chairperson Diane Dyson reminded Directors of the procedure to be followed in order to have items placed on the agenda (completing the appropriate form and placing it in her mailbox in H-637). She also gave out her home phone number.

5 Reports:

5.1 Co-Presidents' Report:

Maxine Clarke welcomed Diane Dyson to the Chair. She added that

the Hiring and Appointments Committees worked long and hard to select the candidates that will be recommended to the Board later this evening, and thanked the Directors involved with the Committees for their efforts.

With regard to CUSA's financial state, Maxine Clarke reported that the Co-Presidents had met once with Vice-Rector Giguere and his assistant and will be meeting again this week. CUSA has taken out a $40,000 loan from the bank to cover its overdraft. The Co-Presidents were informed by Comptroller George Bernier that the deficit as of March 31st was $258,859 and as of May 12th the deficit was $208,228 which includes the $40,000 bank loan. Maxine Clarke stated that other developments regarding the finances were confidential. Andrew Jolicoeur asked why, and Robert Douglas responded that negotiations are still in progress concerning the monies CUSA expects to receive from the Part-time Students' fund and the Cusa Centre Inc. fund. Maxine Clarke added that it is not that the information is "confidential", but it cannot be made public pending the signing of the agreements. She added that the $208,228 deficit figure does not take these monies into account. Paul Gott stated that nothing can be kept "confidential" from the Board because the Directors are entitled to know everything about the corporation.

MOVE to go in camera to discuss finances.

Moved by: Shawn O'Hara
Seconded by: Andrew Jolicoeur

Robert Douglas stated that there was nothing further to discuss. Maxine Clarke said that "confidential" was a poor choice of word to use in this context, and that she was not withholding any information from the Directors but waiting until the agreements are finalized and signed before reporting on them. Shawn O'Hara withdrew his motion. There were no objections.

Maxine Clarke reported that CUSA's Loyola office was closed for the summer, with the exception of the Used Book Store which would be running for this week only. She added that arrangements had been made for the mail to be delivered to the downtown office. Emma Tibaldo asked why the decision was taken to close the office. Robert Douglas responded that it was done to save money because there is not enough student demand for the facilities to warrant paying a receptionist to keep the office operational.

Robert Douglas reported that regarding the Sociology Department study which showed the high incidence of cheating at Concordia University which was published in The Thursday Report and subsequently picked up by The Gazette, Scott Robertson, Education V.P. 1986-87, responded to The Gazette but his letter was not published, and he was interviewed by CBC Radio. Alex MacPherson stated that this issue has come up at an Arts and Science Faculty Council meeting, and only two questions in the survey pertained to cheating according to academic regulations and the positive response for these two questions was less than two percent.

Faculty Council feels that it was a misinterpretation of statistics. Maxine Clarke said that the definition of cheating in the survey was vague and that questions related to drug use and sexual behaviour. She added that the matter was discussed at Senate last week and Senate was upset over it. Scott White mentioned that he was in a meeting with the Rector on the day the story was published, and the Rector and Vice-Rectors were surprised by it. Martin Corej asked if there could be any action taken in addition to Scott Robertson's letter, for example a motion to discredit the survey findings. Robert Douglas stated that it is too late because the damage has been done. Marijan Benc suggested that CUSA buy advertising space in The Gazette and run an ad presenting CUSA's views on the issues. It was noted that this story was carried by Southam Press across Canada and that the ad would appear in the Montreal area only. Paul Gott cautioned that such an approach would serve to discredit the Sociology Department, and subsequently the students studying Sociology, and he suggested that the Education V.P. or a committee be put in charge of pursuing a solution. Jeff Gordon suggested that CUSA run its own survey, and Marijan Benc jokingly proposed that CUSA survey McGill students. Martin Corej wondered whether an outside analyst could be brought in to determine if the survey was valid. He also felt that the ad would be a good public relations gesture. Shawn O'Hara supported the idea of the outside analyst but felt that the ad would be ignored. Discussion continued on the accuracy of the statistics, and Lynn Calliste spoke from her experience as an undergraduate Sociology student about accidental sampling and respondents' efforts to throw results and commented that the data should have been thoroughly investigated before being made public.

MOTION 391:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors strikes a committee of interested Directors to work together with the Education V.P. to pursue the issues pertaining to the high incidence of cheating at Concordia University as revealed by a Sociology Department study made public in April 1987.

Moved by: Paul Gott
Seconded by: Marijan Benc

Discussion:

The following Directors volunteered for this committee: Martin Corej, Joe Serruya, Jeff Gordon, and Nick Woollard. Maxine Clarke stated that interviews for the Education V.P. would commence May 21st, and suggested that the committee start work in the interim.

VOTE ON MOTION 391: 10/2/5 Carried

(8:20)

TUESDAY, 12 MAY 1987, 7:30 P.M.

6 Question Period:

Jeff Gordon asked what was the status of the "Old Business" which was dealt with at the 63rd Meeting of the Board. Robert Douglas explained that it had been tabled until a later date.

Morty Shapiro wanted to know who authorized the office renovations and at what cost. Maxine Clarke explained that the new carpets were laid at no cost to CUSA because Brent Jones, Services V.P. 86-87, arranged with the University's Health and Safety Office to have the carpets replaced in the public areas because of the potential for lawsuits.

Shawn O'Hara asked what the honoraria for the executive positions would amount to and how it would be determined. Robert Douglas responded that it would be settled by the Finance Committee.

Andrew Jolicoeur asked about the Academic Materials Fee and what would happen now that Bettina Rosenberg has lost her case. Robert Douglas stated that the case cannot be appealed because it was heard at Small Claims Court. He added that the judge was supposed to render his decision within 10 workings days from the date of the hearing, but in fact it took six weeks for his judgement and Andrew Jolicoeur wondered if any appeal could be made because of the lengthy delay. Maxine Clarke stated that there is another student who has launched a class action suit, but his case does not appear to be too promising because he signed his contract after the fee was imposed. Andrew Jolicoeur asked whether this student was receiving any support from CUSA, and Robert Douglas responded that CUSA has offered to help but the student has not yet taken CUSA up on its offer.

(8:30)

7 New Business:

7.1 Appointment of Handbook Editor:

MOTION 392:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors appoints George Kalogerakis as Editor of the 1987-88 Handbook.

Moved by: Paul Gott
Seconded by: Andrew Madsen

Discussion:

On behalf of the Hiring and Appointments Committee, Paul Gott stated that there had been four candidates for this position, one of whom had withdrawn. He introduced George Kalogerakis, who stated that he had experience with the student papers at Concordia and had been production manager of the handbook last year. He also reported that he had started work on the handbook

when the Hiring and Appointments Committee told him that he would be recommended for the position, and he was able to obtain a printing contract comparable to last year. The cost for the handbook is estimated at $15,000 and he is aiming to bring in about $25,000 in advertising revenue. His plans for the handbook include publishing more feature material on "issues" and having a condom manufacturer take an colour page ad and include a sample. Maxine Clarke referred the Board to the four recommendations of the Hiring and Appointments Committee regarding the handbook on Page 2 of the Appointments Committee Report (BD-64-D1).

VOTE ON MOTION 392: 16/0/1 Carried

7.2 Appointments - Vice-Presidents:

MOTION 393:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors appoints Sonia Cancian as Programming Vice-President for 1987-88.

Moved by: Alex MacPherson
Seconded by: Jaime Yip

Discussion:

Maxine Clarke stated that Hiring and Appointments Committee No. 2 recommends Sonia Cancian for this position. Sonia Cancian introduced herself to the Board and spoke briefly about her plans. She stated that she has not had much time since being notified by the Hiring and Appointments Committee that she would be recommended for the position, but she has had an opportunity to discuss the portfolio with Cherine Hamam, Programming V.P. 1986-87. Jaime Yip asked whether there would be a programming committee to assist, and Jeff Gordon asked her if she had any previous experience in programming. Sonia Cancian stated that she had spent one year full-time at her previous college directing a group project which was a mock tour operator company. Shawn O'Hara asked how many applicants there had been for this position, and Maxine Clarke responded that two candidates had applied.

VOTE ON MOTION 393: 10/0/7 Carried

MOTION 394:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors appoints Maria Fung as Student Life Vice-President for 1987-88.

Moved by: Marijan Benc
Seconded by: Maxine Clarke

Discussion:

Maxine Clarke stated that three candidates applied for this position, and that the Hiring and Appointments Committee No. 1 recommends Maria Fung. Maria Fung introduced herself to the Board and stated that her experience with student organizations goes back to CEGEP where she was involved with the orientation committees, graduation committee, black and third world committees, book drive committee, etc. At Concordia, she has been active with CUTV, CASA, Chinese Georgian Association. She stated that she is interested in doing something to represent students. Paul Gott asked her what her priorities would be. Maria Fung responded that the Student Life V.P. acts as the caucus leader for the student vote on the Concordia Council on Student Life, and in this respect she would be involved with Athletics, Guidance, and the Dean of Students Office. She added that her priorities include an expansion of the intramurals program and the recognition of women's varsity sports. In view of the student services fee being increased, she added that she wants to make sure that students are aware of the services available to them and satisfied with these services. She would also look for feedback from disabled students and international students regarding the services specifically aimed at them. Another priority of hers would be to ensure that emergency loan programs are accessible to the students who need them.

VOTE ON MOTION 394: 16/0/1 Carried

MOTION 395:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors appoints Helene Lee as Services Vice-President for 1987-88.

Moved by: Maxine Clarke
Seconded by: Shawn O'Hara

Discussion:

Maxine Clarke stated that there were five applicants for this position, and the Hiring and Appointments Committee No. 2 recommends Helene Lee. Helene Lee introduced herself and spoke briefly about her experience on student newspapers and yearbooks and her service-oriented jobs she has held in the past. She stated that she would like to maintain the services that CUSA presently offers as well as bring new services. Scott White asked what services should CUSA be offering. Helene Lee responded that although CUSA offers a lot of services, not many students are aware of everything that is available. She also added that costs would have to be taken into consideration when offering new services to make sure that CUSA could afford it. Scott White asked what qualities of the candidate impressed the Hiring and Appointments Committee. Maxine Clarke responded that Helene Lee was the most experienced and most people-oriented candidate.

(8:55)

MOVE to go in camera with Scott White in attendance.

Moved by: Shawn O'Hara
Seconded by: Maxine Clarke

VOTE: 13/1/3 Carried

(9:10)

MOVE to go in camera (without Scott White).

Moved by: Shawn O'Hara
Seconded by: Morty Shapiro

VOTE ON MOTION 395: DEFEATED IN CLOSED SESSION

(9:15)

MOTION 396:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors appoints Curtis Johnston as Communications Vice-President for 1987-88.

Moved by: Alex MacPherson
Seconded by: Jaime Yip

Discussion:

Robert Douglas introduced Curtis Johnston as the candidate recommended by Hiring and Appointments Committee No. 1 for this position. Curtis Johnston spoke briefly about his experience with student newspapers in CEGEP and high school, and stated that he would like to make a presentation on what university life is all about with the External V.P. at CEGEPs and high schools in the Montreal area. Jeff Gordon asked if he would do this in conjunction with the Admissions Office, and he answered that he would.

VOTE ON MOTION 396: UNANIMOUS

MOTION 397:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors appoints G. Scott White as Finance Vice-President for 1987-88.

Moved by: Alex MacPherson
Seconded by: Emma Tibaldo

Discussion:

Scott White stated that he was Co-President last year, and V.P.

Services for part of the 1985-86. He has dealt with CUSA's financial matters and would like to see more structure within this department. Emma Tibaldo asked him to elaborate on this point. He responded that he has not finalized plans, but one approach used by other student associations in Canada involves a formula-based approach. Paul Gott asked how much influence the Finance Committee would hold. Scott White stated that the Finance Committee would review all budgets and would establish priorities for CUSA. Marijan Benc asked whether Scott White was recommended for this position because he is a former Co-President. Alex MacPherson stated that the Hiring and Appointments Committee made a unanimous decision to recommend Scott White because he was the best qualified candidate. Robert Douglas added that Scott White was chosen because he is familiar with the finances of CUSA and he knows where the financial structures are weak. Shawn O'Hara asked the Co-Presidents whether they would be able to keep Scott White in check, given his domineering personality, and not let him build up his empire. Maxine Clarke stated that she envisioned no problems in this regard. Alex MacPherson reported that Scott White was asked during his interview whether he would be able to work with the Co-Presidents. Paul Gott spoke on how important it was to keep some experienced people within the organization because there have been times in the past when no experienced people were wanted and the association was almost destroyed by inexperience. Paul Gott also stated how administrative this portfolio is, and added that Scott White is ideal for the position because he is hopelessly administrative by nature.

VOTE ON MOTION 397: 15/1/1 Carried

(9:30)

7.3 Appointments - Challenge '87 Projects:

MOTION 398:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors appoints Lynn Calliste and Natalia Witkowsky as Job Bank Co-ordinators on the Challenge '87 grant.

Moved by: Emma Tibaldo
Seconded by: Andrew Jolicoeur

Discussion:

Maxine Clarke stated that the Hiring and Appointments Committee No. 2 recommends these two candidates for the positions because they are organized and they know what they are doing and they can work well together as a team. Lynn Calliste introduced herself to the Board and spoke briefly about her experience working with people. Natalia Witkowsky was present at the meeting earlier but had to leave prior to this appointment.

VOTE ON MOTION 398: 16/0/1 Carried

7.4 Political Science Students' Association Elections:

Robert Douglas announced that a representative from Judicial Board was requested to be here this evening for this discussion; however, no one showed up despite their assurances that someone would be present (Alexandre Ciocilteu delegated Graham Wall to attend). Robert Douglas stated that the Political Science Students' Association elections were held on April 6th, and that the old executive had several tactics to block candidates, including withholding information. The candidates who won the election did so despite the problems with the old executive. The election was contested. Robert Douglas gave the floor to Tor Scott, Deputy Returning Officer for the elections, to elaborate. Tor Scott stated that the new slate of executives won the election by a 10-12 vote margin and in his opinion there was no reason for the election to be overturned. However, he further stated, that Alexandre Ciocilteu, Chairperson of Judicial Board, declared the election null because firstly, no one checked the ID numbers at Loyola (which Tor Scott stated was not true, the numbers were taken) and secondly, because the Loyola election closed 15 minutes early (Tor Scott reminded the Directors that there were late openings and early closings in CUSA's general elections). Tor Scott explained that Alexandre Ciocilteu did not follow Judicial Board Standing Procedures and did not hold a hearing when he declared the election null.

(9:45)

Vanessa Emilio, from the winning slate in the elections, stated that Alexandre Ciocilteu formed a provisional government for PSSA made up of one member of the old PSSA executive, two members of the winning slate and two members of the losing slate. She reported that Alexandre Ciocilteu set up this provisional committee at the conciliatory meeting held in May when he decided that the election was not valid, but she added that there was no official hearing nor was an official decision rendered. She also complained that when the provisional committee arranges to meet, the members of her slate are not informed.

Nick Woollard asked who would have a say over Judicial Board and Paul Gott responded that the only recourse would be legal action because CUSA is a corporation and has to abide by the laws of its constitution. Paul Gott continued, stating that the mandate for Judicial Board expires on May 31st and the new Judicial Board could make a ruling on the actions of the old Judicial Board. He suggested writing a letter to Alexandre Ciocilteu advising him that the Board of Directors is aware of this issue and that Judicial Board did not follow procedure, and request a response from him. Shawn O'Hara suggested that a motion be made to recognize the winners of the election as the new executive. Paul Gott responded that this could not be done because Judicial Board is in charge of the elections, however he proposed that CUSA not recognize the provisional committee but form another club, "Political Science Club", and ratify the election winners as the new executives of the new club until May 31st when the Judicial

Board mandate expires. Scott White stated that the best course of action would be to simply wait for the Judicial Board mandate to run out. Nick Woollard suggested writing a letter stating that CUSA does not recognize the provisional committee.

(10:15)

MOTION 399:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors send a letter condemning Judicial Board for its actions in this regard and subsequently wait until after May 31st to take action on the Political Science Students' Association elections.

Moved by: Maxine Clarke
Seconded by: Alex MacPherson

Discussion:

Robert Douglas suggested that the best course of action would be to wait until the mandate of the old Judicial Board expires, and Maxine Clarke agreed stating that a letter to the old Judicial Board might prompt them to take official action regarding the installation of the provisional committee.

AMENDMENT:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the letter condemning Judicial Board in this regard not be sent.

Moved by: Robert Douglas
Seconded by: Jaime Yip

VOTE: 12/0/2 Carried

VOTE ON MOTION 399 AS AMENDED: 8/4/2 Carried

7.5 Judicial Board Conduct:

MOTION 400:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a committee be struck to examine the constitution of CUSA with particular regard to the functioning and power of the Judicial Board and to recommend changes if deemed necessary.

Moved by: Andrew Madsen
Seconded by: Jeff Gordon

Discussion:

Robert Douglas stated that the constitution is fine, the problem this year stemmed from the people serving on Judicial Board.

Scott White supported Robert Douglas's view, and stated that re-evaluating the constitution is fine but that this problem is one of personnel. Louis Hotte stated that it was a good idea just to check the constitution. Paul Gott reminded the Directors that any changes to the constitution would require a general referendum. Shawn O'Hara stated that the committee would examine the constitution but not necessarily recommend any changes, and he added that if changes were recommended, then the referendum process could be considered. Andrew Jolicoeur stated that the mandate of this committee might encourage the new Judicial Board to act as it should.

VOTE ON MOTION 400: 11/3/0 Carried

Volunteers for this committee: Jeff Gordon, Andrew Jolicoeur, Andrew Madsen, Shawn O'Hara and Nick Woollard.

(10:35)

7.6 Scheduling of Meetings on Religious Holidays:

MOTION 401:

WHEREAS CUSA supports the principles enumerated in the Canadian and Quebec Charter of Rights,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors and its committees shall not meet when its members are prohibited from working due to their religious holidays.

Moved by: Jeff Gordon
Seconded by: Joe Serruya

Discussion:

Robert Douglas apologized again for scheduling the Annual General Meeting of the Association on Passover, and explained that it was an oversight and it would not happen again. He added that he felt this motion was unnecessary. Shawn O'Hara stated that this motion would prevent an oversight in the future. Maxine Clarke stated that she agreed in principle, but questioned which days would be considered religious holidays. Jeff Gordon responded that the key phrase is "prohibited from working". Paul Gott added that "members", referring to Directors, would set a limit on the number of religions and days involved. He also reminded Directors that it could be changed if it proved unworkable.

VOTE ON MOTION 401: 14/0/1 Carried

7.7 Shuttle Bus Service:

MOTION 402:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CUSA sends its thanks to the people who run the Concordia shuttle bus system for extending its hours and services during the transit strike.

Moved by: Shawn O'Hara
Seconded by: Andrew Madsen

Discussion:

Shawn O'Hara volunteered to write the letter of thanks. Paul Gott suggested that CUSA should have a sticker for the ID cards, similar to the validation stickers, that would allow students involved with CUSA but not registered for a summer course to use the shuttle bus over the summer.

VOTE ON MOTION 402: 14/0/1 Carried

7.8 Appointments to Finance Committee:

Finance V.P. Scott White distributed the provisional budget he had prepared, and stated that this budget was an overview of CUSA's financial state and gave as good an idea as possible on what money will be spent during the year.

Regarding the formation of the Finance Committee, Scott White cautioned the Directors that it is a hard-working committee, and it is especially gruelling over the summer. The Finance Committee will meet on the average twice a week.

Volunteers for this committee: Paul Gott, Joe Serruya, Nick Woollard and Jaime Yip.

8 Date of Next Meeting:

Chairperson Diane Dyson announced that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 26, 1987 at 4:30 p.m. downtown.

9 Adjournment:

MOVE to adjourn.

Moved by: Jeff Gordon
Seconded by: Emma Tibaldo

There were no objections to this motion and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Diane Dyson, Chairperson

Jo Howard, Recording Secretary